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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Entry and consideration of the present Preliminary Amendment are requested prior to examination of the above-identified application on its merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 line 3 please insert after the following new paragraph:

This application corresponds to the U.S. national phase filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT application No. PCT/GB00/03328, filed August 31, 2000, which claims priority to UK Patent Application No. 9920558.5 filed August 31, 1999.